

A Caucus meeting of Borough Council was held at 6:00 PM, Monday, June 13, 2011. Mayor Frank M. North presided. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer were observed. Announcement was made that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the "Open Public Meetings Act".

ROLL CALL:

Council Present: Perno, Madden, Brennan, Brickley, Volkert and Fields. Clerk Brouse, CFO Moules and Attorney Higgins were present.

PUBLIC:

Pam Matuknois, 50 W Maple Avenue- reconsider grass and lawn debris collection. The rotting grass smell is not acceptable and because of five weeks in a month we had to hold the grass for three weeks. They almost never come on Tuesday. It is not working. Mrs. Fields replied that we may need to consider picking up yard waste every week.

Lynn James, 130 Westminster Avenue-What is told is not always what is done with lawn debris. It becomes confusing and we do not know what week to put it out.

Jeanne Collins, 116 Poplar Avenue-Neighbors asking about the revaluation, will there be meetings and information sent out? Letters will be mailed and information will be on the website.

Loredona Rubino, 114 Leslie Avenue-Do you need a permit for a fence? Size? Material?

Bob Stocker, 7 Lexington Avenue-is part of consolidation committee study and is resubmitting the application to state. We have reached out to try to blend the committee. Is asking for Council to endorse this and be part of the committee. Here is a list of members and would like endorsement by the Council.

George Siller, 18 S Centre Street-Concerned about tree in front of his home.

David Kane- Spoke on behalf of Glass-Steagall legislation.

Robert Wetherspoon, 16 W Cedar Avenue-do Borough owned properties fall under the property maintenance code for Merchantville? These properties have falling trees, oil tanks, high grass and are not being maintained. Mayor stated that they will be cleaned up.

Tony Stagliano, 1 E Chestnut Street-Borough trees in front of homes are tearing up pavement and causing damage. He was told that the Borough is not taking trees down any longer with leaves on them. Regarding grass pickup, is this collection worth it to not have enough people or trucks available?

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

FENCE ORDINANCE-Ornamental type-higher up to 5 ft has been requested so people do not need to go before Planning Board.

Bill Lammey, 26 E Rogers Avenue-approval is now given for any fence up to 4feet at this time. This ordinance will allow up to 5 foot high ornamental in rear yard and clarify front yard guidelines and 75% open.

Borough Maintained Trees-need a regular scheduled maintenance plan for removal of trees that ended useful life, will be discussed at the next meeting. The meeting will be the 2nd Wednesday of month.

Town Centre East Project-Meeting with developer and Mr. Higgins is being set up and will discuss all items in question.

Morris and Prospect project-Mechanics Liens with Paramount. Tim gave an update-Once the punch list is confirmed, a letter will be sent to the contractor and they will have thirty days to complete the work. If the contractor does not sign off, we will see if DOT will allow the CFO to sign off.

Several of the punch list items include; cold patch on Morris, trees on Morris and water meter/concrete repair to Prospect.

The following are items that will be on the agenda for the regular council meeting.

MPWC easement

Motel bill for 606 W. Maple Avenue

Approval for use of Community Center

Public Works Contract (private)

Resident request dismissing interest on tax bill

Proclamation for Robert Alfred

Resolutions for agenda-the following resolutions will be included on the agenda

Manasur plenary retail consumption license
 Mitchell z plenary retail distribution license
 First Jay plenary retail distribution license
 Hire Parks and Playgrounds program administrator
 Chapter 159 Special items of revenue

Ordinances for Introduction

Ordinance 11-06 Amending Chapter 94 Zoning
 Ordinance 11-07 Salary Ordinance for 2011
 Ordinance 11-08 Revaluation

Ordinances for Public Hearing and Adoption

Ordinance 11-04 Amending Chapter 60B Property Maintenance
 Ordinance 11-05 Adopting Redevelopment Plan for Block 9, Lots 2, 3 and 4 and Rehabilitation for Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12

ADJOURNMENT:

On the motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Volkert the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

DENISE BROUSE
BOROUGH CLERK